

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A multi-layered molding material comprising:
a layer of a fibrous reinforcement material, and
a layer of a reinforcement thermoset resin material conjoined with the layer of fibrous reinforcement material, the layer of reinforcement thermoset resin material having an inherent tack that holds the fibrous reinforcement material in place, the fibrous reinforcement material being at least partially dry with respect to the reinforcement thermoset resin, wherein
said reinforcement thermoset resin material including a venting structure having venting channels for conducting gases in directions both parallel to the plane of the fibrous reinforcement layer and perpendicular thereto to allow gases to pass out of the molding material via the fibrous reinforcement layer during processing to prevent entrapment of gases.
2. (Currently Amended) A molding material according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous reinforcement layer comprises a further venting structure for allowing gases to pass out of said molding material via the fibrous reinforcement layer during processing.
3. (Currently Amended) A molding material according to Claim 2 wherein the further venting structure is formed by the fibrous reinforcement material.
4. (Original) A molding material according to Claim 1 wherein the venting channels vent interlaminar and/or intralaminar gases.
5. (Currently Amended) A molding material according to Claim 4 wherein the venting channels are defined between lengthwise extending strips of reinforcement thermoset resin material.

6. (Currently Amended) A molding material according to Claim 1 wherein the thermoset resin layer is discontinuous, thereby forming the venting structure.

7. (Currently Amended) A molding material according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous reinforcement material is unimpregnated by the thermoset resin material or is at least partially unimpregnated by the thermoset resin material to allow gases to pass out of the molding material.

8. (Currently Amended) A molding material according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous reinforcement material comprises a unidirectional reinforcement material or a non-uniform fibrous reinforcement material.

9 - 30. (Canceled).